

sufficient pressure to actuate the acoustic wave switch.” This element is not taught by Chatigny et al. or Selig et al., alone or in combination, and therefore claims 21-23 are believed to be allowable over the cited art. It appears to be the Examiner’s position that a finger that contacts the surface 18 of the substrate of Chatigny et al. constitutes an acoustic wave absorbing material. However, a finger cannot be the claimed “acoustic wave absorbing material disposed between the deformable dome and the touch sensitive surface” of an acoustic wave switch because there is no way to alter the key shown in Selig et al. to dispose a finger between the key of Selig et al. and a touch sensitive surface. Because neither Chatigny et al. or Selig et al. disclose an acoustic wave absorbing material between a deformable dome and the touch surface of an acoustic wave switch as recited in Claims 21-23, these claims are believed to be allowable over the cited art.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

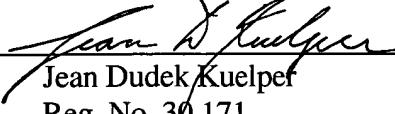
Claims 24-26 and 28 are believed to be allowable over Chatigny et al. and Selig et al. because these references do not disclose an “acoustic wave absorbing material being spaced from the touch sensitive surface of the acoustic wave switch when the actuator is in an unactuated position and the acoustic wave absorbing material contacting the touch sensitive surface of the switch actuating the acoustic wave switch in response to a force acting on the actuator to move the acoustic wave absorbing material into actuating contact with the touch sensitive surface of the acoustic wave switch” as claimed. As discussed above, neither Chatigny et al. nor Selig et al. show the claimed acoustic wave absorbing material. Because neither Chatigny et al. nor Selig et al. discloses the invention set forth in Claims 24-26 and 28 these claims are believed to be allowable.

Claims 1-28 are believed to be allowable for the reasons discussed above.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

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